

CITY OF RIVERSIDE NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

Most Livable Mid-Sized City in America *Partners for Livable Communities, April 2004*

In 2004, Livability is based on creativity and the ability to prepare for the new economy. Creative Places are defined as attractive places to live, work, play, visit, retire, raise a family, attend a university, grow a business, and enjoy diversity. Partners named Riverside as one of seven “Most Livable Mid-Sized Cities” in America based on the Livability criteria.



Partners states that “Livable Mid-Sized Cities” are places with history and growing resources, small city familiarity and large city visions, strong community involvement and creative leadership. Partners has found through experience that these places are most able to adapt, respond to change and get things done in a quicker and more creative way than their smaller or larger counterparts.

Although Livable Mid-Sized Cities have an easy time maneuvering, they still retain their neighborliness and high quality of life. The community is strong enough to deal with a major problem and large enough to have the resource base by which they can find the funding, leadership, and collaboration to effectively create a change. Livable Mid-Sized Cities have the best of both worlds and have risen to prominence in exploration of their own agendas, assets, and opportunities.

3rd Best City for Business in California *California CEO Magazine, February 2003*

Top 25 Best Cities for Business in California, by California CEO magazine in its February 2003 issue, total of 400 cities surveyed.



11th Best City for Business in the United States
Forbes Magazine, May 2002

The Golden State's cities took 6 of the 10 top spots out of a total of 300 cities surveyed nationwide -- and 10 of the 25 highest positions -- in the annual Forbes/Milken Institute study of the best places to do business and advance a career in America.

City of Riverside Economic Development Division Chosen as the 12th Best Economic Development Team in the US in 2002
Site Selection Magazine, May 2003

The group was chosen based on four objective categories: new jobs, new jobs per 10,000 residents, new investment amount and new investment amount per 10,000 residents. The top groups were ranked according to their scoring in those categories, and then evaluated according to more subjective criteria, including innovative programs, leadership and customer service.